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coterie of twelve or so at the consecration of the new Cathedral in Dilli. We always said who we were and that we were touring Indonesia.

4. We were told of several disturbing incidents:

A. During the Pope's visit several young men were arrested without cause and beaten. Simply observers of the visit, they were made to confess complicity in the demonstrations for Timor independence. The military later apologized to their school. A general helecoptered into the campus bringing tennis shoes and soccer balls. It was said that Col. Prabowo (sp?) instigated this incident. Thses students still must report to the officials weekly.

B. November 4: "A police riot" on the occasion of a rumored demonstration against Bishop Belo which drew supporters to surround his residence to protect him. Most were arrested and later released but rumor is that two among those arrested have disappeared.

C. Novenber 15: Military police entered St. Joseph's School which includes primary students and fired weapons in the air to terrify students. Some students threw rocks.

D. Presently eight youths are being held in jail without trial. Families may not visit them but Bishop Belo is allowed to see them occassionally. His information is that they will be arraigned end/or tried on January 10th. These boys were arrested at the time of the Pope's visit to E. Timor. They were accused of participating in a demonstration for E. Timor independence. They have been tortured. Their names are: JOSÉ MANUEL
DONACIANO GOMES
ALFREDO DE JESUS
FRANCISCO DE SOUSA
CLEMENTINO FARIA
ANTONIO PEREIRA LO
GUILHERME PEREIR
AMARHO CARVALHO

They have refused to sign a statement not to be politically active again in their lifetime as a condition for release.

Arrested Nov. 15:

ANATALINO (not beaten)
PEDRO DA COSTA (beaten)

Sixteen youths are staying with Bishop Belo because they fear arrest. We met briefly with them. They seem very young and guileless.

5. There an estimated 500,000 Roman Catholics in East Timor and only 60 priests. We were told that the government will not allow that number to be increased by foreign priests coming in.

6. We were told by the Red Cross representative in Dili that there were no known political prisoners in E. Timor but this did not preclude the existence of some. Mr. Alec Guichard represents the I.C.R.C.